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SUBJ: PRESIDENT OFFERS AMNESTY TO POLITICAL EXILES

1. TOGO-PRESSE 24 JANUARY REPORTS PRESIDENT EYADEMA'S ANNOUNCEMENT TO RPT MILITANTS AT MILITARY CAMP 23 JANUARY THAT HE HAS FORGIVEN AND AMNESTIED ALL VOLUNTARY POLITICAL EXILES AND HAS INVITED THEM TO FRATERNAL RECEPTION AT CAMP FEB 2.

2. COMMENT: WHILE SOME POLITICAL EXILES (GUY KOUASSIGAN, FOR EXAMPLE) MAY RETURN, AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF FEB 2 DATE NOR RECEIVING THEM INDICATES PRESIDENT THINKS THEY WILL, IT SEEMS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT EYADEMA ENEMY NO 1 NOE KUTUKLUI, WHEN LAST HEARD FROM STILL IN DAHOMEY, OR BONITO OLYMPIO, WHOSE DELIVERY INTO HIS HANDS HE HAS REPEATEDLY BUT UNSUCCESSFULLY PRESSED UPON GHANAIN GOVERNMENT,

WILL AVAIL THEMSELVES OF GESTURE

WHICH HAS TOGO-PRESSE CITING SHAKESPEARE AND COMPARING EYADEMA

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WITH CAESAR. I WOULD BE SURPRISED IF EYADEMA DID NOT TEAR

BOTH MEN APART WITH HIS BARE HANDS IF HE EVER GOT HOLD OF THEM.
HIS RECENT STUDIOUS EMULATION OF MOBUTU, WHO AMNESTIED THEN
PUBLICLY PIERRE MULELE, IS NOT LIKELY TO BE REASSURING TO
EITHER OF THESE TOP TWO ON EYADEMA'S MOST WANTED LIST.
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